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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kouya Tochikubo et al.

Application No.: 09/518,782

Filed: March 3, 2000

For: CRYPTOGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION TERMINAL,  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION CENTER  
APPARATUS,  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2003, the period for response having been extended to March 22, 2004 (March 21 being a Sunday) by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.